

April 22, 1931.

Mr. H. L. Allred, Chairman,
Executive Committee of Water Users,
Roosevelt, Utah.

Dear Sir:

RE: UINTAH DIST.

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of a request from your Committee asking for the appointment of a water commissioner on Lake Fork and Uintah Rivers to perform the duties set out in said request which are largely those of the former court commissioner appointed by Judge Johnson.

I realize that this matter has been held up for over a month in an attempt to reach a harmonious agreement with the officials of the U. S. Indian Service but believe that the time to act has arrived.

I am appointing, in accordance with the recommendation of the Committee, Mr. B. O. Colton, Jr, as commissioner, said appointment being in accordance with the terms set out in the Committee's request. I am also advising Mr. Colton that there is the possibility of the Indian Service not paying its pro rata share of the costs. This possibility will probably be resolved one way or another during the next few weeks and Mr. Colton must understand that this office takes no responsibility for collection of the pro rata of the Indian Service beyond reasonable and proper efforts to make such collection.

Yours very truly,

State Engineer.

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